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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CALL FROM PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU

1. SHORTLY BEFORE 9 P.M. EVENING JULY 18 WHILE WE WERE ENTER-
TAINING AT HOME, I RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM PRESIDENT
KYPRIANOU. THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED OUR SUPPORT IN ARRANGING
FOR HIM TO MEET WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND PRESIDENT SADAT.
HE SEEMED PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO MEET CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT
QUITE URGENTLY..

2. AS FAR AS THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT WAS CONCERNED
HE SIAD HE'D BE PLEASED TO GO WHEREVER SADAT WISHED
BUT SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE EASIEST TO HOLD SUCH A MEETING IN
JORDAN OR IN KUWAIT. HE SAID THAT KING HUSSEIN HAD ALREADY
OFFERED TO ACT AS HOST FOR SUCH A MEETING.

3. I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH
THE RESPECTIVE CHARGES, TO WHICH HE REPLIED THAT HE
HAD. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF
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WE WOULD PUT IN A WORD ENDORSING HIS REQUEST.

4. THE PRESIDENT THEN IN A RATHER CIRCUMLOCUTORY
FASHION SAID HE WISHED TO MEET WITH FORMER SECRETARY
KISSENGER. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS FROM
LEFTIST CIRCLES ALLEGING SOME INVOLVEMENT
BY FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER IN THE CURRENT INTERNAL

POLITICAL SITUATION. WHEN I COMMENTED THIS ALL SOUNDED THOROUGHLY IMPLAUSIBLE HE AGREED BUT SAID HE WOULD LIKE, NEVERTHELESS, TO MEET KISSENGER. AFTER SOME PRODDING TO FIND OUT WHAT SORT OF TIMING HE HAD IN MIND, HE AGREED THAT THIS MIGHT BEST BE DONE WHEN HE NEXT VISITED NEW YORK TO ATTEND THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS. HE STRESSED THAT HE OF COURSE WISHED ANY SUCH MEETING TO TAKE PLACE WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER.

5. JUST BEFORE HANGING UP HE ASKED ME IF I WOULD INFORM MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE OF THE CONVERSATION AND ASK HIM TO SEND A PARALLEL MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN. I HAVE PASSED ON HIS MESSAGE TO CHARGE PERCEVAL, WHO SAID HE WOULD CONVEY MESSAGE TO LONDON.

6. COMMENT: I'M INCREASINGLY CONCERNED PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU IS BECOMING SO OBSESSED WITH WHAT HE PERCEIVES AS HIS INTERNAL PROBLEMS THAT HE IS SUFFERING FROM PARANOIA. HE IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE ON TELEVISION THIS EVENING AND, UNLESS HE CAN COME UP WITH SOME REASONABLY HARD FACTS, I THINK MAY CYPRIOTS MAY HAVE THE SAME CONCERN THAT I DO.
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